GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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CONVENTION OF JOINT TRADE IN ENDANGERED FAUNA AND FLORA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India had signed a Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) of World Fauna and Flora recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of implementation of the above agreement?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) India became party to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) in October, 1976.

(b) For implementation of the Convention the following have been notified as Management and Scientific Authorities −

i. Management Authorities

Director General of Forests, Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi
Director, Wildlife Preservation, Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi.

ii. Assistant Management Authorities

Deputy Director, Wildlife Preservation, Northern Region, New Delhi.
#Deputy Director, Wildlife Preservation, Southern Region, Chennai.
Deputy Director, Wildlife Preservation, Eastern Region, Kolkata.
Deputy Director, Wildlife Preservation, Western Region, Mumbai.
Deputy Director, Project Tiger, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, New Delhi.

iii. Scientific Authorities

Director, Botanical Survey of India, Kolkata.
Director, Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata.
Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Cochin.
Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
Designated Ports under CITES

Delhi, Kolkata, Guwahati, Chennai, Mumbai, Cochin and Amritsar

(c) As a signatory to CITES India is obliged to take all necessary steps to implement the provisions of the treaty to ban international commercial trade in Appendix-I species of plants and animals and regulate trade in Appendix-II and III species of CITES. International trade in all wild fauna and flora in general and the species covered under CITES in particular, is regulated jointly by the provisions of The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, Export Import (EXIM) Policy of Government of India and The Customs Act.